

BERRIEN ROADS SAFEST--SO FAR

By RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

Berrien county — barring any traffic deaths the remaining three days of this month — stands on the brink of its best January-February traffic fatality record since 1968.

The county had one traffic death in January and none so far this month. In 1968, there was one fatality in February, but none in January.

Data have not yet been analyzed to explain the reduction in

Berrien, but the energy crisis is believed to be a part with many motorists driving at slower speeds and less traffic on weekends.

The January-February record in Berrien is the best of the four-county area of Southwestern Michigan, despite the larger volume of traffic. The other counties, Van Buren, Cass and Allegan, so far have posted a total of 10 traffic deaths during the first two months of this year.

An increase over January-February, 1973 occurred only in Cass

county, which has four fatalities, compared to 2, last year at this date.

Van Buren has reported 4 deaths, compared to 5 last year, while the toll in Allegan declined from 6 in 1973, to 2, this year.

Berrien county's traffic toll for all of last year was 54, while 24 persons died in Van Buren carshes, 19 in Cass and 33 in Allegan.

In Berrien county, the equally good record of 1968 ended with 64 traffic deaths, a tie with 1964 for the second worst fatality record.

The worst year was 1941, when 68 persons died on Berrien roads.

Last year, there were no traffic deaths in Berrien during January, but five in February. In 1972, the January-February toll was 13 (seven in January, six in February), and 63 died in accidents over the year. In 1971, six died in January, five in February, and 52 by the end of the year.

Sixty-one fatalities in 1970 included one in January and six in February; while in 1969, two died in January and one in February. Toll for that year was 52.

Bears, Tigers Draw First Round Byes

District Cage Tourney Pairings Are Made

Benton Harbor and St. Joseph both drew opening-round byes for next week's Class A district basketball tournament at Niles.

Benton Harbor, the defending champion, will open play March 6 against the winner of a March 4 game between the host Niles team and Portage Northern.

St. Joseph, in the opposite bracket, will play Portage Central on March 5 with the survivor facing the winner of the Benton Harbor game for the district championship March 1.

All games start at 7:30 p.m.

CLASS B AT LAKESHORE

Lakeshore and Dowagiac will replay last year's championship game in the first game of the Class B district tournament March 4.

The winner will battle Coloma on March 6 for a berth in the district finals March 9.

River Valley and Buchanan open play in the opposite bracket on March 5 with the winner facing Brandywine on March 7 for the other spot in the finals.

All games start at 7:30 p.m.

CLASS C AT BERRIEN SPRINGS

Lake Michigan Catholic, the state's top-ranked Class C basketball team, will open district tournament play March 7 against the winner of a March 5 game between Hartford and Eau Claire.

Berrien Springs and Watervliet kick off the tournament March 4 with the winner meeting New Buffalo March 6 in the other semifinal game.

The championship game will be played March 9. All games will start at 7:30 p.m.

CLASS B AT THREE RIVERS

Paw Paw will meet Hillsdale March 5 in the opening round of Class B district tournament play.

The winner of that game will face Sturgis March 7 for the right to advance to the championship game March 9.

Pairings in the opposite bracket match host Three Rivers and Vicksburg March 4 with the survivor playing Coldwater March 6 in the other semifinal.

All games will begin at 7:30 p.m.

CLASS B AT OTSEGO

South Haven drew a bye and will open tournament play March 6 against the winner of a March 4 game between host Otsego and Delton.

The South Haven winner will advance to the championship game March 9 along with the survivor of the other bracket, which

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MISS GOBLES: Jill Ketchum, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Ketchum, route 3, Paw Paw, was crowned Miss Gobles 1974 in contest Saturday night at Gobles high school. She wore a pink gown featuring a white collar and an empire waistline. Story on page 9. (Staff photo)



SUNDAY LINES: Lines of cars like this were order of day at Hildebrand's service station off I-94 at LaPorte road exit near New Buffalo in southern

Berrien county yesterday. Station was one of few in southwestern Michigan remaining open. Most are closed Sundays because of gasoline shortage.

Maximum Purchase was \$3 per car. Travelers were primarily out-of-staters. (Don Wehner photo)

'Inconvenience' Could Bring Rationing Simon Watching Service Station Lines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy chief William E. Simon says he would have to recommend gasoline rationing if the visible inconvenience of lengthy service station lines became widespread.

But, he said on NBC's Meet

the Press Sunday, "at this time the shortages and long lines are really concentrated in the metropolitan areas"

He said that the extra allocations and other efforts of the Federal Energy Office are aimed at "trying to reduce the

suffering and hardship and inconvenience that is being caused to the American people"

Asked if he felt President Nixon would approve a recommendation for rationing, Simon said they "would have a long, hard conversation if I made the recommendation, but I wouldn't presuppose what his decision might be."

Simon said he is personally opposed to rationing because "basically, I just think it wouldn't work ... it would put a great many rigidities in a very complex economy."

Meanwhile the Shah of Iran said that the United States is importing at least as much oil as it was before the beginning of the Arab oil boycott.

Appearing on the CBS news program 60 Minutes, the shah, whose country is not involved in the boycott, said the United States is receiving as much imported oil as in the past.

Asked if he feels the energy shortage may be connected to something that doesn't meet the eye, the shah said: "Well,

something is going on for sure."

And when asked who was being enriched by it, he responded: "the oil companies."

Following the broadcast Rep. Clarence D. Long, D-Md., called for a congressional investigation.

"This confirms what most Americans have been thinking all along and comes right from headquarters. The statement of the shah suggests fraud on the part of the oil companies and Congress has to get the facts immediately," said Long.

In other energy-related stories:

—A mandatory gasoline purchasing system gets underway today in Delaware, with motorists required to buy at least \$5 worth of gas for full-size autos and \$3 for small cars.

—Mandatory odd-even gasoline purchase plans begin Tuesday in New York, which is changing from a voluntary system, and Delaware.

—An Associated Press survey disclosed that states are cutting back on highway construction and delaying repairs to older

roads because of a decline in gasoline tax revenues.

—Rhode Islanders had more problems getting gasoline this month than they did in the past because some other states supplied erroneous information to federal officials, Gov. Philip Noel said. He said some states supplied federal allocation officials with inflated figures on past gasoline consumption. He said this meant that those states were able to get more of the

available gasoline than Rhode Island did.

—Connecticut service station operators meet in Hamden tonight to vote on whether to stop selling gasoline to protest the FEO policy against preferential treatment for regular customers.

—Service station operators, satisfied at least for the time being with the latest actions by

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Legislator Kennedy Hospitalized

LANSING — State Rep. Bela E. Kennedy of Bangor was to be released from Sparrow hospital today after being admitted Friday for what hospital officials termed an "abnormal heart rhythm."

The 56-year-old Republican became ill at his office Friday, according to Mrs. Kennedy.

She said her husband is scheduled to be released today pending the final outcome of weekend tests.

Mrs. Kennedy said doctors feel the irregular heart beat might have been caused by stress or fatigue.

Mrs. Kennedy said her husband did not suffer a heart attack.

Kennedy was first elected to the 45th district legislative seat in 1971.



BELA E. KENNEDY
Legislator hospitalized

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Stock up now! Closing Mar. 1.
Needlecraft Shop, 1122 Niles
Ave., St. Joseph. Adv.

Petition Seeks Handgun Ban

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A statewide petition drive aimed at outlawing handguns in Michigan was announced today by Dwight Walker, a Grosse Pointe Woods engineer.

Walker said he and Detroit Police Commissioner Philip J. Tannian were jointly announcing the drive, aimed at rounding up at least the 300,000 signatures needed to place the question as a referendum on the November ballot.

Walker said the proposal seeks to ban the ownership of handguns by anyone except for police, armed forces, gun collectors, sportsmen's clubs and security guards, who are presently regulated by various restrictions, such as training and licensing by the state.

Walker, who said he heads a citizens group organized for the campaign, said more than half of the 1,101 persons slain in Michigan last year were killed by pistol bullets.



PREDICTS COOPERATION: Congressman Edward Hutchinson of St. Joseph, Mich., ranking Republican member of the House Judiciary Committee, talks with newsmen prior to his appearance Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation" from Washington. The ranking Republican member of the committee said that he believes the White House is going to cooperate with the panel's investigation of whether President Nixon should be impeached. (AP Wirephoto)

Clark Officials Predict 1974 Gains

BUCHANAN — Top Clark Equipment Co. officers in an annual report to stockholders predicted increase sales and profits in 1974, in the wake of record 1973 in which sales crested the \$1 billion level for the first time.

Walter E. Schirmer, chairman, and Bert E. Phillips, president and chief executive officer, also disclosed that plans have been approved for a major transmission plant expansion in the United States. Site selection is underway for this facility, they said, adding that the new plant will be designed to meet the needs of both outside customers and other Clark divisions.

The new plant is expected to increase the company's U.S. transmission manufacturing capacity by 25 per cent when it is

completed in 1975.

The energy crisis effects on Clark are among several major uncertainties facing the company this year. But Schirmer and Phillips suggested oil shortages could lead to increased demand for some Clark products. In particular, they said that as coal mining activity is increased, Clark will have the opportunity for increased penetration in the mining industry by larger models of construction machinery.

The report noted that production was shifted late in 1973 to build more of the larger tractor shovel models.

The Schirmer-Phillips report to stockholders showed material handling products were the firm's largest sales category, with

gross sales to \$409.7 million, up 27 per cent from 1972. Construction machinery sales totaled \$389.9 million, up 30 per cent. Sales in its other lines were: axles and transmissions, \$169.3 million, up 25 per cent; truck trailers, \$87.7 million, up 15 per cent; commercial refrigeration, \$71.2 million, up 3 per cent.

Major uncertainties facing the firm in 1974 include the energy crisis, price controls, inflation, and negotiations on labor contracts expiring in April and May at five major plants.

Total sales, as reported earlier, hit \$1,127,859,000 in 1973, with a net income of \$55.2 million and per share earnings of \$4.08. In 1972, Clark earned \$3.00 per share on net income of \$40.4 million and sales of \$901 million.

Solon Emery, Former BH Mayor, Dies

Solon Emery, a former Benton Harbor mayor and longtime city commissioner, died Saturday in Parkview hospital, Plymouth, Ind.



SOLON EMERY
Former BH Mayor Dies

Mr. Emery had been in failing health three months. He was 83 years old.

Mr. Emery lived at Culver, Ind., where he moved after resigning from the Benton Harbor city commission in 1965.

He served one term as Benton Harbor mayor (1937-38), and was a city commissioner 11 years, a member of the cemetery board, and was a member of the city charter commission of 1945 which produced the present charter.

Mr. Emery often was known as the city commission's "great dissenter." He had a querulous sense of humor and was not afraid to embrace causes that were unpopular at the time.

He argued for years that the city should sell water outside the corporate limits years before the commission adopted the policy in 1964.

In private life, he was bookkeeper for Cutler & Downing Hardware store which went out business in 1964.

Mr. Emery served overseas with the Army in World War I and was chairman of the Berrien county draft board in World War II.

Surviving are his widow, the former Effie Rich, whom he married in 1965; a son S. Lane Emery of Chesterton, Ind.; three stepsons, Jay Rich of Culver, Ind., Jack Rich of Peru, Ind., and Robert Rich of Ann Arbor; two brothers, Elmer of Benton Harbor and Benjamin of Riverside and a sister, Mrs. Moni Livernure of Romeo, Mich. His first wife, Gladys, preceded him in death on Jan. 7, 1959.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Fairplain chapel, Florin funeral home, where friends may call. Burial will be in Crystal Springs cemetery where military rites will be held.

Mr. Emery was a life member of VFW Post 1459.



UNDER ATTACK: Ice floes in Lake Michigan, pelted by rain and wind by 45 degree temperatures early last week, face an uncertain future along

the Silver Beach and Lions Park shoreline. Picture was taken looking south from the St. Joseph harbor south pier, just before Friday gale whipped lake

into angry cauldron. With some four weeks still left in winter, only a thin fringe of ice exists along the shore. (Staff photo)

Nearly \$500,000 Spent In Improvements

Edwards Park Project Called 'Success'

By SCOTT WILLIAMSON
Staff Writer

Nearly half a million dollars have been spent in the first 1½ years of the Edwards Park Neighborhood Development Program (NDP) on the northeast side of Benton Harbor.

Lestie Cripps, director of the Department of Urban Development in Benton Harbor, which oversees how the federal funds are spent, termed the program "very successful" and said he is "pleased" with its results.

Miriam Ohmann, relocation supervisor for Benton Harbor, expressed the same feelings as Cripps, and added "the program has been very well accepted" by the residents of the area.

Cripps said the Edwards Park program is currently midway through its second year, and he expects all the inspections and improvements that are part of the program will be completed in another 2½ years.

Cripps said the program officially began July 1, 1972, although it really didn't get under way until November, 1972, when the federal government finally sent the funds.

Essentially, the program seeks to bring houses and other structures in the NDP area up to code, to tear down those which are irreparable, and relocate families from inadequate housing.

Offshoots of the program

include street improvements, drains, and parks.

A new addition this year is to the staff. Miss Carolyn Graves, 25, has been hired as neighborhood coordinator for Edwards Park.

She said the purpose of her job is to form "block clubs" to clean up the neighborhoods and have neighbor help neighbor.

Miss Graves, a native of Arkansas who has been in the Twin Cities area for three years, said she wants to improve the Edwards Park neighborhood "and with the cooperation of the people see how much we can get done."

Cripps' department makes loans and grants, with federal money to finance the needed improvements in Edwards Park neighborhood. Cripps said loans are for 3 per cent up to 20 years while grants do not have to be paid back.

As of Nov. 15, 1973, 19 families and one church had been

relocated at a cost of \$158,198. Relocation grants vary, and \$15,000 is the maximum a family can receive toward obtaining housing.

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First year street improvements included paving of Fair from Waukonda to LaSalle, McCord from Waukonda to Waukonda, Madison between Winans and Nowlen, John between Waukonda and Madison, and Pasadena from Forest to LaSalle.

Total cost was \$125,865, of which NDP paid \$94,389, with the remaining 25 per cent assessed to the property owners, who are usually assessed 100 per cent for street improvements, according to Cripps.

Street improvements for the second year, which Cripps said should be finished by July, call for resurfacing of Forest, LaSalle, Waukonda, Edgecumbe, Madison, North Winans, Buena Vista, and Pasadena.

Other projects include new sidewalks in many areas, a storm drain on Territorial between Forest and Hull, and a "tot lot" playground at the corner of North McCord and Edgecumbe.

Total cost for these improvements in the second year should be slightly over \$200,000, the report indicates.

In the first year, 119 structures were inspected with 106 orders issued for rehabilitation, and two for demolition. There were six loans for \$17,800, and 20 grants for \$65,239. The average cost of rehabilitation work per structure was \$3,460, according to the report, from a low of \$2,108 to a high of \$6,950.

In the second year, as of Nov. 1, 1973, 63 inspections were made, 55 orders for rehabilitation issued, and eight orders for demolition. There were 26 loans for \$177,354, and seven grants for \$19,578. Average cost of rehabilitation work per structure was \$3,230, from a low of \$1,600 to a high of \$6,533.

The first year NDP costs were \$362,371, and the second year NDP costs to Nov. 1 were \$102,874, for a total of \$465,185, the report says.

Cripps said the Edwards Park

area is roughly bordered by Fair, Waukonda, Paw Paw, and Highland avenues, with some exceptions in the Morton Hill area and some additions in the northwest section.



MAP EDWARDS PARK PROGRAMS: Carolyn Graves, new neighborhood coordinator for Edwards Park, and Wilbert Smith, vice chairman of Edwards Park citizens council, funds spent in Edwards Park, map some of programs to be carried out as part of Neighborhood Development Program which is midway through its second year. (Staff photo)

Priest To Officiate At Blossom Blessing

Rev. Eugene Sears, pastor of St. Bernard's Catholic church, Fairplain, will be the officiating clergyman at the Blessing of the Blossoms ceremony, according to H. Paul Florin, president of Blossomtime, Inc.

The Blessing of the Blossoms which starts Blossom Week will be held Sunday, April 28, at the Walter Miller farm, Napier and Hilldale roads, east of Benton Harbor in Benton township.

Fr. Sears also was chairman of the 1973 Blessing of the Blossoms.

Rolling Car Pins

Woman Against Wall

A 21-year-old woman sustained minor injuries Sunday when her car rolled forward and pinned her against the North Shore motel, 3149 US-33 North, Hagar township, Berrien sheriff's officers reported.

Ellen Lee, told deputies the accident occurred after her car was left in neutral to warm up.

She then went into a motel room where she was staying and the car began to roll forward. She came out of the room to stop the car and it pinned her against the building.

She was released after treatment at St. Joseph Memorial hospital. Officers said the accident occurred about 9:27 a.m.

BH Mayor Will Give Report

Benton Harbor Mayor Charles F. Joseph will give his "State of the City" address tonight after adjournment of the city commission meeting in the Benton Harbor public library.

The address will review 1973 and give objectives and recommendations for 1974. The Mayor's Advisory council is host for the event, and the public is invited.

The mayor's speech will start about 8:30 p.m.



THE SECOND BRONZE STAR: Harry W. Hermann (left) of 1305 Bishop avenue, Benton Harbor, won Bronze star for valor as soldier in Europe in World War II. On Saturday, the Army presented him a Bronze star for meritorious service awarded posthumously to his son, Warrant Officer Gregory W. Hermann, who died in South Vietnam April 18, 1972. The son was killed when his helicopter crashed

from mechanical failure during combat mission. Col. Alvin J. Gendron also presented Air Medal, Good Conduct medal, Vietnam Service medal, National Defense Service medal and Vietnam Campaign medal. Hermann, 21, was a 1969 graduate of Benton Harbor high school and had nearly finished a year's tour in Vietnam. (Staff photo)

Twin Cities Port Traffic Dips In 1973

For the second consecutive year, commercial shipping traffic declined at the Twin Cities harbor while fishing tonnage increased, according to Joe Carver, chairman of the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor port commission.

Harbormaster R.C. Primley attributed the decline in commercial tonnage to a reduction in shipments to the Cities Service Oil Co. terminal. He said the terminal is still used for storage, but not as much as in previous years.

Petroleum cargoes to Cities Service in the Twin Cities dropped from 71,250 tons in 1972 to 26,510 in 1973 as much of Cities Service storage in southern Michigan was transferred to an expanded tank farm at Niles.

In 1973, 80 commercial cargo ships pulled a total tonnage of

434,194 into the port. In 1972, 77 ships brought 451,664 into port, and 1971 saw 100 vessels bring a gross tonnage of 623,978 into the harbor.

As in 1972, two fishing boats operated out of the port, but in 1973 brought back 117 tons of fish, compared to 98 tons in 1972, for a net gain of 19 per cent.

In 1971, three boats fished from the port, and brought back only 59 tons of fish.

The fishing boats and their local owners are the James E. owned by Schultz Fisheries, which netted 55 tons, and the Faith II, owned by Mollhagen Fisheries, which netted 62 tons.

The following commercial cargoes were recorded in 1973:

Consumer Asphalt Co. received eight cargoes of limestone for 87,430 tons; Huron Portland Cement Co. 22 cargoes of cement for 75,822 tons; Horan Redi-Mix Co. 10 cargoes of aggregate for 108,459 and two cargoes of salt for 22,973; Ireland & Lester Co. eight cargoes of aggregate for 73,000 tons and three cargoes of slag for 40,000 tons; Cities Service Oil Co. carried seven cargoes of petroleum for 26,510 tons.

Comparable figures for 1972 were:

Consumer Asphalt, eight cargoes, 87,042 tons; Huron Portland Cement, 29 cargoes, 85,983 tons; Horan Redi-Mix, 14 cargoes, 128,193 tons; Ireland & Lester, 11 cargoes, 79,198 tons; and Cities Service, 15 cargoes, 71,250 tons.

Figures were compiled by Harbormaster Primley.

Junior Achievers Cope With Energy Crisis

Young Industrialists Forced To Diversify

By DICK DERRICK
SJ City Editor

Junior Achievement companies have run into the energy crisis but have not run out of ideas on how to beat it.

In a mid-year report to parents, customers, sponsors and advisors the six companies reported gross sales of \$3,119 on 11 different products.

Five of the six companies make two products. In some cases material shortages have forced the student-run companies to diversify. In other cases a surplus of production time prompted taking on extra

products. Participating in Junior Achievement of Blossumland, Inc., are students from Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, Lakeshore, Coloma and Lake Michigan Catholic high schools. JA headquarters are at 813 Highland avenue, St. Joseph.

New this year is a written guarantee. A JA salesman was turned down by a prospective customer with a curl complaint that the product he had bought last year didn't work. Most JA products are simply assembled and quality of workmanship is evident but to safeguard the

reputation of the JA movement and give the customer protection there is a written guarantee included.

First company to run into the energy crisis was Better Business Enterprises (BBE) which started making doormats but found out in December the plastic components, which are made from a petroleum base, would be in short supply.

So BBE members voted to also make a swirl light, an ornamental unit made out of Christmas tree lights and a decorative plastic. BBE is second high in

sales with \$782. Three of its members, Joanne Meister of Benton Harbor High school and Steve Woodrick and Arron Nelson of Lakeshore High school each has over \$100 in sales.

Officers are Tom Strzykowski, Lake Michigan Catholic, president; Roberta Richards, Lakeshore, secretary; Jane Klassen, Lakeshore, treasurer; Miss Meister, Benton Harbor, vice president, sales; Jim Starks, St. Joseph, vice president, manufacturing; and Dale Davis, Lakeshore, vice president, personnel.

BBE company advisers are

Betty O'Malley, the coordinating adviser, Tom Fanning and Frankie Weber, all of Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

Students in Business (SIB) makes fire starters and pizza sheets. The fire starters are simply paraffin in a paper cup in which heavy twine forms a wick. Each will burn about 45 minutes and serve in place of kindling in a fire place. With more people using their fire places as auxiliary heat the company expects to have a product that is somewhat in demand.

The company also makes pizza sheets from scrap aluminum from Avion Coach Corp. Its coordinating adviser, Ernie Steinke, helps trim the aluminum sheets to size and the workers put in the final edges. SIB has sales of \$280.

Officers are Bob Burkholz, Lake Michigan Catholic, president; Cindy Hines, Lakeshore, secretary; Pam Smith, Lakeshore, treasurer; Ann Dubinsky, Benton Harbor, vice president, sales; David Small, Lakeshore, vice president, manufacturing; and Debbie Owens, Lakeshore, vice president, personnel.

Advisers in addition to Steinke are Orvita Harris, Ron Birmingham and Bob Stacey, all of Clark Equipment.

PAPCO makes a newspaper rack and spoon rings. The newspaper rack is a collapsible unit that holds a large quantity of papers neatly. Sales are \$296.

The company buys spoons from International Silver Co. of Connecticut and shapes the handle into a ring with the design on the spoon becoming the design on the ring. The company's research and development unit is trying to find a use for the scrap spoon bowl and are trying to develop a fish lure.

PAPCO company officers are Rhonda Avery, Lakeshore, president; Pat Atkins, Benton Harbor, secretary; Lisa Bailey, Lakeshore, treasurer; Michele Dudley, Benton Harbor, vice president, sales; Tim Friske, Lakeshore, vice president, manufacturing; and Mike McFavish, Lakeshore, vice president, personnel. Advisers are Alfred Thornycroft, Gast Manufacturing; Ron Jaworski, New Products; and Dolores Baker and Mike Sumwalt, Clark Equipment Co.

Top sales, \$805, have been posted by Students As Self Co. (SASCO) who take a sealed beam light, a plunger, switch and bicycle handle bar grip and make it into an auto trouble light that connects with the cigarette lighter unit.

One of the company's salesmen, Mark Pendergrass of Lakeshore, is the first of all JA salesmen to hit \$200.

Company officers are Jo Hudson, Lakeshore, president; Cathy Sickels, Lake Michigan Catholic, secretary; Jeff Kubizna, Lakeshore, treasurer; Paula Fleetwood, Benton Harbor, vice president, sales; Jim Bolyard, Benton Harbor, vice president, manufacturing; and Theresa Bell, Benton Harbor, vice president, personnel.

James Bowser, Burch Printers, is coordinating adviser; and other company advisers are Les Arend of Whirlpool and Chris Hottel, Sears.

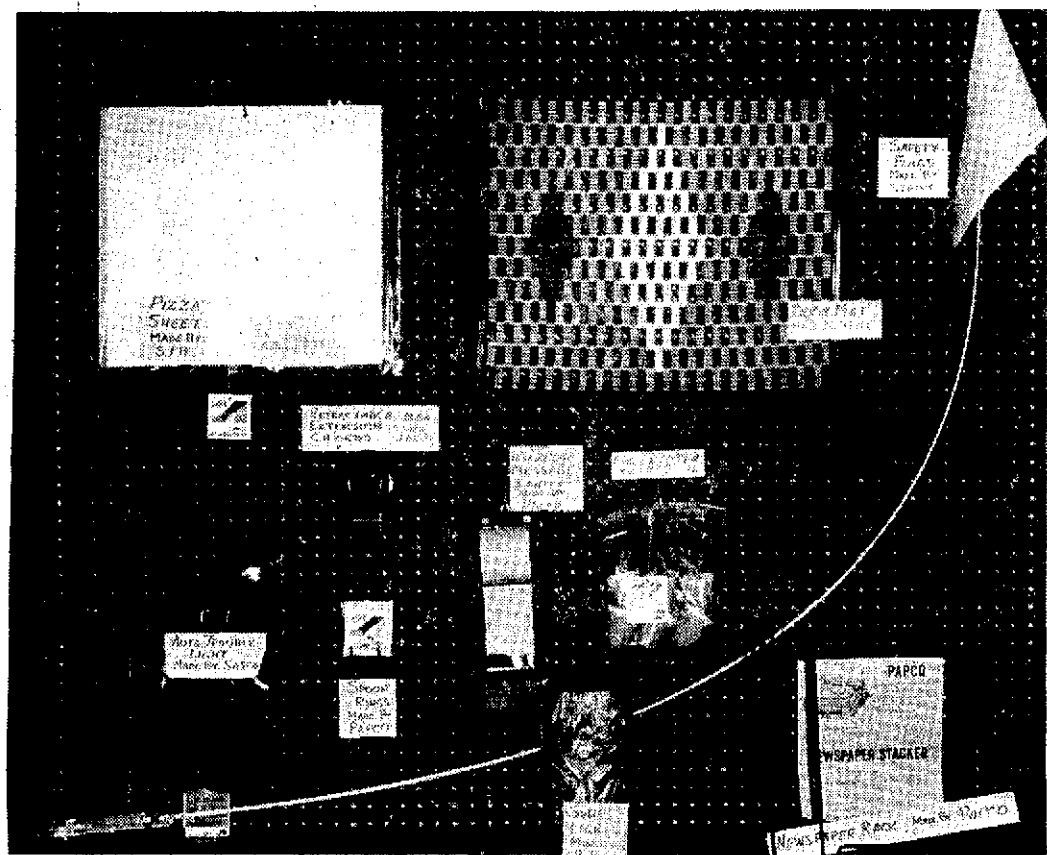
JACoB (Junior Achievement Company "B") makes a telephone message center, a board with a roll of adding machine tape to be placed by a telephone for making notes. JACoB expanded into making a retractable extension cord to give its workers more variety of work and add punch to its sales line.

Company officers are Kerry Nye, Lakeshore, president; Felicia Caldwell, Benton Harbor, secretary; Renita Crenshaw, Benton Harbor, treasurer; Sue Meyers, Lake Michigan Catholic, vice president, sales; Mark Hanley, St. Joseph, vice president, manufacturing; and Peggy Root, Lakeshore, vice president, personnel.

Company advisers are Stephen Banyon, Palladium Publishing Co., Tom Reule, Modern Plastics and John Hudson, Bendix.

STRIVE is another JA company with twin products. It makes a flag on a fiberglass

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PRODUCTS ON PARADE: Ten of the 11 products made by Junior Achievement are located on display board at JA Headquarters, 813 Highland, St. Joseph. Only item missing is string art pictures produced

by STRIVE who also produce safety flags. Products include a pizza sheet, door mats; retractable extension cord; auto trouble light; telephone message pad; fire starter; swirl light and paper stacker.

From One Long Line To Another

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Some Michigan motorists, already becoming accustomed to waiting in line for gasoline, will be waiting in other lines in the next five weeks.

More than 3.4 million motorists are without 1974 license plate tabs with the April 1 deadline fast approaching, the Michigan secretary of state's office reports.

Officials said the 3.4 million without new plates is 370,000 more than at this time last year.

The secretary of state's office noted that 1973 plates for trucks, trailers and commercial vehicles expire this Thursday.

Alberts Named Chairman Of '74 Cancer Crusade

Jerrold Alberts has been named chairman of the Berrien county cancer crusade by John McDonald, president of the Berrien county unit of the American Cancer Society.

Alberts will head the April crusade, which has a goal of \$57,500, according to David R. McCormack, unit executive director.

McCormack said Alberts served as crusade chairman for the 1972 crusade, which netted \$49,375 against a goal of \$49,000 — the largest amount ever raised by the Berrien unit. He

noted the unit raised \$45,500 in 1973 against a goal of \$56,000.

The crusade is conducted

Onaway Man Found Dead

SAULT STE MARIE, Mich. (AP) — The body of John Penfold, 47, of Onaway was found outside his cabin four miles south of Pickford Sunday afternoon, Chippewa County Sheriff's deputies said.

Officers said Penfold may have frozen to death.

house-to-house, and also seeks support from businesses and industries, McCormack said.

The aim of this year's crusade is to teach the public cancer's warning signals, Alberts said, as early detection of cancer symptoms is the surest way to attack and hopefully wipe out the disease. This is reflected in the Cancer Society's slogan: "We Want to Wipe Out Cancer in Your Lifetime."

Alberts, with his father Harold, operates Alberts Insurance agency in Benton Harbor.



JERROLD ALBERTS
Heads Cancer Crusade

Referendum Petitions Filed Against Bertrand Rezoning

By LYLE SUMERIN
South Berrien Bureau

NILES — Petitions calling for a referendum on rezoning for a proposed \$5 million Western Electric materials handling center in northeastern Bertrand township were filed Saturday, according to township Clerk Trella Rough.

Miss Rough said there were more than the required 48 signatures necessary to make the petitions valid.

She said she did not know when the township board will meet to set a date for a special election on the rezoning issue.

Petitions were filed by Bernard Hencly, 2410 Weaver road, Bertrand township.

Hencly said the petitions contained the signatures of 121 township voters.

At issue is the rezoning of the 110-acre James Gillette farm,

US-12 and Chamberlain road, about one mile southwest of Niles.

Western Electric purchased the farm and announced in December it would build the plant if the land was rezoned.

Rezoning of the property from agriculture to light industry was approved last month by the township board.

The rezoning had been recommended by the township zoning board.

Hencly and other opponents of the rezoning claim it represents "spot zoning" and is the beginning of "industrial sprawl" in the township.

"We are not opposed to Western Electric," Hencly said, "but we want to vote on this most important question."

In their petition drive, opponents urged township residents to sign the petitions regardless of whether they favor the rezoning so a vote could be held.



VERSATILE PRODUCT: Lyn Tober, president of STRIVE and Tom Nelson, vice president, sales, explain to Ray Briggs, district manager of Bell Telephone Co., and president of the JA board of directors, that their safety flags have a double market — snowmobiles and bicycles. Company develop special clamp so flags can be attached to snowmobiles. (Staff photos)

Shelbyville Mother Dies In Home Fire

SHELBYVILLE — A house fire claimed the life of a 33-year-old rural Shelbyville woman early this morning, according to state police at the Wayland post.

Pronounced dead at the scene was Mrs. Judy Charlene Button of route 2, 126th avenue, Shelbyville. Her three sons, Steven, 15; Daniel, 12; and Brian, 9; who

were all at home at the time, escaped injury. Shelbyville is located in northeastern Allegan county, about five miles south of Wayland.

The fire which destroyed the two-story, wood frame house, occurred shortly after midnight, according to state police. The fire was extinguished by the Wayland fire department.

Mrs. Button's body was found a few feet from home's back entrance on the kitchen floor, according to a spokesman for the Wayland fire department, who speculated Mrs. Button was attempting to escape the fire.

Investigation into the cause of the blaze will be conducted by the state fire marshal's office.



SEEKING CRIPPLED CHILDREN: Officers of the Berrien County Shrine club have appealed to churches, schools and other social organizations for the names of crippled and handicapped children under the age of 16 who need orthopedic or orthodontic services. The Shrine club is conducting a clinic for handicapped children Thursday, Feb. 28, at Temple B'nai Shalom, Fairplain. Seated in front is Ted Daniels, president; and standing from left are Nat Tuchman, of Saladin Divan; Phil Sax, chairman of the crippled children's committee; and Dr. George Atwell, orthodontic adviser to the Shrine club. (Staff photo)

Eight-County Traffic Crash Workshop At LMC Tuesday

The Michigan State police in cooperation with Twin Cities Area Safety council will conduct a workshop Tuesday on traffic accident data.

Robert Strumpler, executive director of the Safety council, said police agencies, county road commission administrators and members of county boards of commissioners from an eight-county area have been invited.

The session will be held at Lake Michigan

college, Room C-218, starting at 9 a.m.

The workshop will be conducted by Sgt. Donald Calcutera, of the safety and traffic division, State police, East Lansing.

Strumpler said the purpose is to acquaint local officials with traffic accident data as provided by State police computers so that the information can be used for accident analysis and prevention.